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SUBJECT:HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS FOR SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS

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1. DEPT EXPECTS TO FORWARD SHORTLY TO THE CONGRESS SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOR FY 76 AND IN THAT CONNECTION WILL SUBMIT FOR THE FIRST TIME A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS CONCERNING POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF SECT. 502B OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT AS AMENDED. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL THAT SECT. 502B STATES THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT "THE PRESIDENT SHALL SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE OR TERMINATE SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO ANY GOVERNMENT WHICH ENGAGES IN A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS...". IN ADDITION TO THIS REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS,

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ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES WILL HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO

RESPOND, PERHAPS IN OPEN SESSION, TO QUESTIONS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PARTICULAR COUNTRIES AND THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH HAVE LED TO THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH REGARDING THE LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE BEING REQUESTED.

2. IN PREPARATION FOR THE REPORT AND POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTARY CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES, ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE UPDATED REPORTS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN HOST COUNTRIES. THE DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THESE REPORTS BY JULY 23. THEY SHOULD INCLUDE REFERENCE, WHERE RELEVANT, TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ELEMENTS AND INDICATE CLASSIFIED PORTIONS WHERE NECESSARY:

- A) THE FACTUAL SITUATION CONCERNING THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN RESPECT OF INTERNMENT OR IMPRISONMENT FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES; TORTURE OR CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT; PROLONGED DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGES; OR OTHER FLAGRANT DENIALS OF THE RIGHT TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE SECURITY OF PERSON.
- B) AMONG THE HUMAN RIGHTS SET FORTH BY THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION IS THE RIGHT NOT TO BE DEPRIVED ARBITRARILY OF ONE'S PROPERTY.
- C) WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING TO PROMOTE GREATER OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE HOST COUNTRY?
- D) WHAT ADDITIONAL EFFECTIVE ACTIONS MIGHT WE TAKE TO PROMOTE GREATER OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS?
- E) WHAT WOULD BE THE LIKELY EFFECT IF WE WERE TO "REDUCE OR TERMINATE" SECURITY ASSISTANCE?

3. FOR MADRID
IN LIGHT OF YOUR COMPREHENSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING, THIS MESSAGE BEING SENT TO YOU FYI UNLESS YOU HAVE SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENT. KISSINGER

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